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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

York Imperial prices were somewhat higher on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, February 26, but Virginia Albemarle Pippin prices dropped off somewhat from last week's high level, according to a cable to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. F. A. Motz, the Department of Agriculture's fruit specialist in Europe, Washington Winesaps sold at slightly lower prices than last week. Oregon and Washington Newtown made about the same prices as a week ago. The condition of both barreled and boxed offerings were satisfactory. Supplies of American apples were light with the exception of Washington Winesaps which were in large supply. Considerable quantities of Winesap were withdrawn from the auctions and held over for sale next week.

London barreled apple prices ruled considerably below those received for the same varieties and grades in Liverpool with the exception of Virginia Albemarle Pippins which sold at about the same prices. Virginia Winesap, U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch, sold at \$6.08 to \$6.33 and Unclassified $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch sold at \$5.35 to \$5.84. Most of the offerings of Virginia Ben Davis were in variable condition, the U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch size sold at about \$4.62 a barrel; U. S. Commercial, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch sold at from \$4.50 to \$4.62; and Unclassified, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch sold at \$4.38 to \$4.87. U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch Albemarle Pippin sold at around \$9.73 per barrel; U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch at about \$9.49; and U. S. No. 1, 2 inch at from \$8.03 to \$8.52 per barrel. The market in London for boxes was unchanged from last week.

The first shipments of about 30,000 boxes of New Zealand and Australian apples are now en route to the United Kingdom and are expected to arrive about the twentieth of March. Arrivals of Jaffa and Spanish oranges this week are heavy, the former amounting to 150,000 boxes and the latter to 310,000 half cases of 110 pounds each. South African deciduous fruit arrivals continue heavy with 222,000 boxes arriving this week consisting mostly of peaches, plums and pears.

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Price paid for American fruit at Liverpool

Variety, grade and origin	Price		
	1929		1930
	Feb 27	Feb 19	Feb 26
	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
<u>APPLES</u>			
<u>BARRELS</u>			
York Imperial, Virginia:			
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	-	7.06- 7.79:	7.79-8.03
U. S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum..	-	5.84- 6.57:	7.30-7.79
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, minimum	-	5.11- 5.35:	6.33-6.81
Winesap, Virginia:			
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, minimum	a/ 6.08-6.57:	6.08- 6.57:	6.33-6.81
Albemarle Pippin, Virginia:			
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, minimum	5.84-6.81	10.22-10.71:	9.49-9.73
U. S. No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, minimum	-	-	8.76-9.00
U. S. No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, minimum	-	8.27- 8.76:	8.03
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, minimum	-	8.15- 8.76:	7.54-8.03
<u>BOXES</u>			
Winesap, Washington:			
Extra fancy, 150/175	b/ 2.68-2.93:	2.80- 2.92:	2.74-2.80
Fancy, 150/175	b/ 2.55	2.68	2.55
Fancy, 188/smaller	b/ 2.37-2.49:	2.55- 2.62:	2.43-2.55
Newtown, Washington:			
Extra fancy, 150/175	c/ 2.55-3.04:	4.01- 4.20:	4.01-4.14
Extra fancy, 188/smaller	c/ 2.43-2.92:	3.71	3.77-3.83
Fancy, 150/175	c/ 2.31-2.80:	4.01- 4.14:	3.83-4.08
Fancy, 188/smaller	c/ 2.43-2.74:	3.47	3.71
Newtown, Oregon:			
Extra fancy, 150/175	2.55-3.04:	4.14- 4.38:	4.38

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.
a/ U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. b/ Feb. 20, 1929. c/ Oregon.